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# **Illustrated Guide**

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# **St. Michael's Church**

**Charleston, So. Ca.**

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**Parish of  
St. Michael**

ESTABLISHED JUNE 14th, 1751



**Present Church  
Open for Service**

FEBRUARY 1st, 1761

**St. Michael's Church**

CORNER MEETING AND BROAD STREETS, CHARLESTON, S. C.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

First Sunday in every Month	-	-	-	-	-	11:30 A. M.
All other Sundays	-	-	-	-	-	8:00 A. M.
Saints' Days and Holy Days	-	-	-	-	-	8:00 A. M.

**MORNING SERVICE**

Morning Prayer and Sermon	-	-	11:30 A.M.
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**AFTERNOON SERVICE**

February 1, to March 31, and September 1 to October 31	-	-	4:30 P. M.
April 1, to August 31	-	-	6:00 P. M.
November 1, to January 31	-	-	5:00 P. M.

**FRIDAYS**

November 1, to March 31	-	-	5:00 P. M.
April 1, to July 1	-	-	6:00 P. M.

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Every Sunday Morning	-	-	-	-	10:00 o'clock
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The Chimes will be rung for half an hour before the Sunday Services,

**T**HE MEMORIAL TABLET shown in the accompanying picture tells its own story. After the earthquake of August 31st, 1886, many of the churches of Charleston erected "Earthquake Memorial Tablets." At the suggestion of Warden Alexander W. Marshall, this Tablet was made to embrace, as succinctly as possible, a history of the building which had passed through so many vicissitudes.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL  
JULY 14, A.D. 1761

THIS BUILDING

BEGUN IN 1752.

OPENED FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 1ST 1761.

EXPOSED TO THE FIRE OF  
BRITISH ARTILLERY ON JAMES ISLAND  
IN 1780.

STRUCK FOUR TIMES BY THE  
FEDERAL ARTILLERY ON MORRIS ISLAND  
1863 TO 1865.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY CYCLONE

AUGUST 25TH 1885

ALMOST DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

AUGUST 31ST 1886

HAS BEEN RESTORED BY THE GENEROSITY  
OF AMERICAN CHURCHMEN AND FRIENDS  
AND RE-OPENED JUNE 19TH 1887

Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

**T**HIS is a view of the Church taken from the northwest corner of Broad and Meeting Streets. It is built of brick imported from England, stuccoed on the outside. The Church and steeple have been painted many times, but the climate causes it to scale rapidly. The dimensions of the building are: Length, including portico, 130 feet, width, 60 feet; height of steeple, 186 feet, 3 inches. Sunk during earthquake, August 31, 1886, 8 inches. Present height 185 feet, 7 inches.

## ST. MICHAEL'S SPIRE

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St. Michael's Spire! St. Michael's Spire!  
How fair thou risest to the sight;  
Now glittering in the noon sun's fire,  
Now softened by the "pale moonlight."

Dread storms have thundered o'er the sea,  
And crushed the low and rent the high!  
**But** there thou standest, firm and free,  
With thy bright forehead to the sky.

Fierce fires in rolling volumes came,  
Gleamed innoxious on thy tower;  
War's cannon roared with breath of flame  
Scathless for thee careered its power.

Symmetric spire. Our city's boast  
In scientific grandeur piled!  
The guardian beacon of our coast,  
The seaman's hope when waves are wild.  
Palladium! On thy lonely height,  
The faithful watchman walks his round,  
While rest and safety rule the night,  
Stillness as of Holy ground.

All sleep but thee—thy tuneful bells,  
Hymn to the night wind in its roar.  
Or float upon the Atlantic swells,  
That soften summer on our shore.  
Soother of sickness. Oft thy chime,  
A gentle voice to darkness lends;  
And speaks a language deep, sublime,  
When love o'e dying virtue blends.

Thou guid'st the youth to classic hours,  
The laborer to his task confined;  
The maid to joy's resplendent bowers,  
The ambition to the strife of mind.

Thy sabbath summons not in vain  
Calls the mixed city to their God;  
Each gravely seeks his chosen fane,  
And treads the aisles his sires have trod.

And nobly do thy peans flow,  
When patriots shout the annual strain,  
That echoes from far Mexico,  
To where St. Lawrence holds his reign.

Gliding along old Ashley's stream,  
Or Cooper's, hung with mossy grace,  
We turn to gaze upon thy beam,  
And hospitable joys retrace.

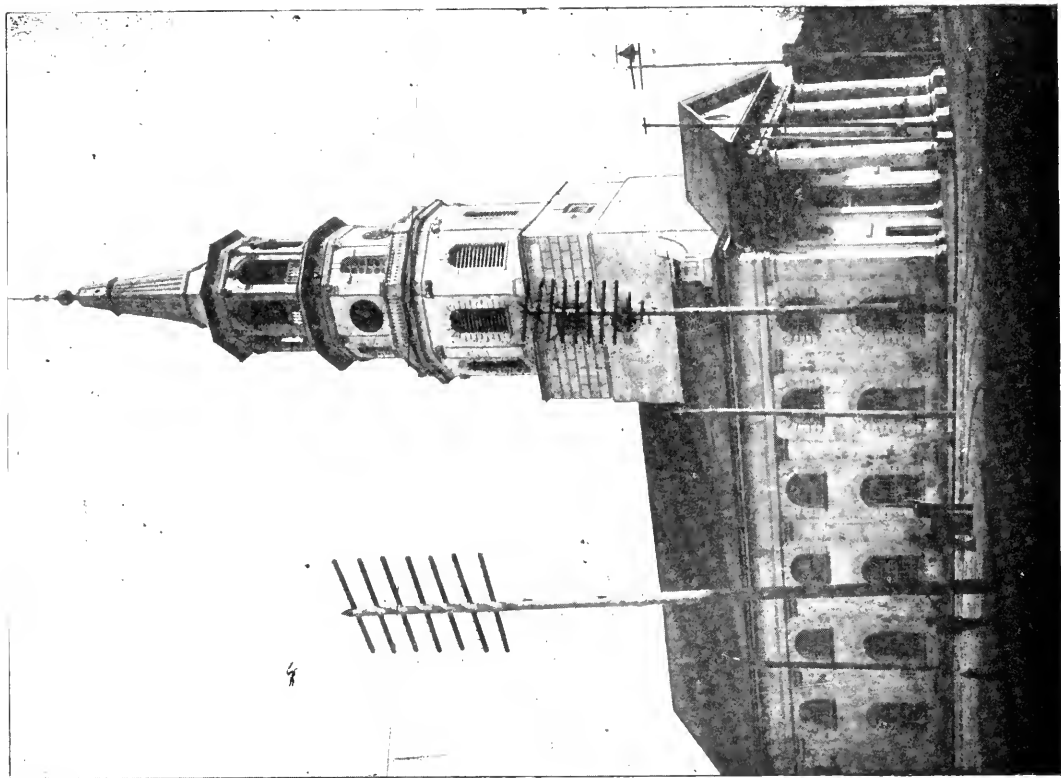
And tender are the thoughts that rise,  
When sea-bound from thy level shore,  
The tear of parting dims our eyes,  
Till we can view thy point no more.

And when, returning to our land,  
The summer exile nears his home,  
How beats his heart and waves his hand,  
As first he greets thy welcome dome.

St. Michael's Spire. I close my lay,  
Touched by the moral thou hast given,  
'Tho duties throng my earthly way,  
My look, like thine, shall be to heaven.

Charleston, 1830.

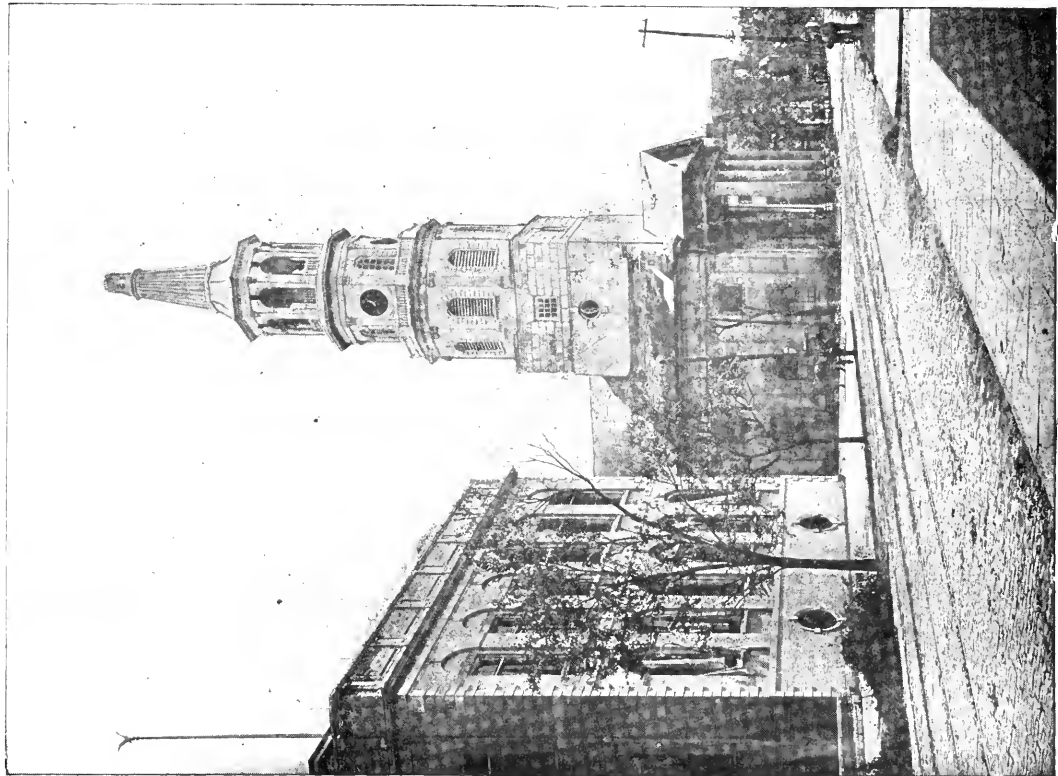
Caroline Gilman.



**T**HIS IS A VIEW OF THE CHURCH taken immediately after the great cyclone which swept this city and vicinity August 25th, 1885, doing great damage and leaving many wrecks in its path. The large cypress ball surmounting the steeple was thrown down, making a dent in the pavement where it struck, which is still visible. The ball lies under the window nearest the porch in the picture, and may be seen by the aid of a magnifying glass. The wreckage of the storm is also visible in the street, and on the roof are evidences of its force in tearing of great numbers of the slates.

The other building in the picture is the City Hall.

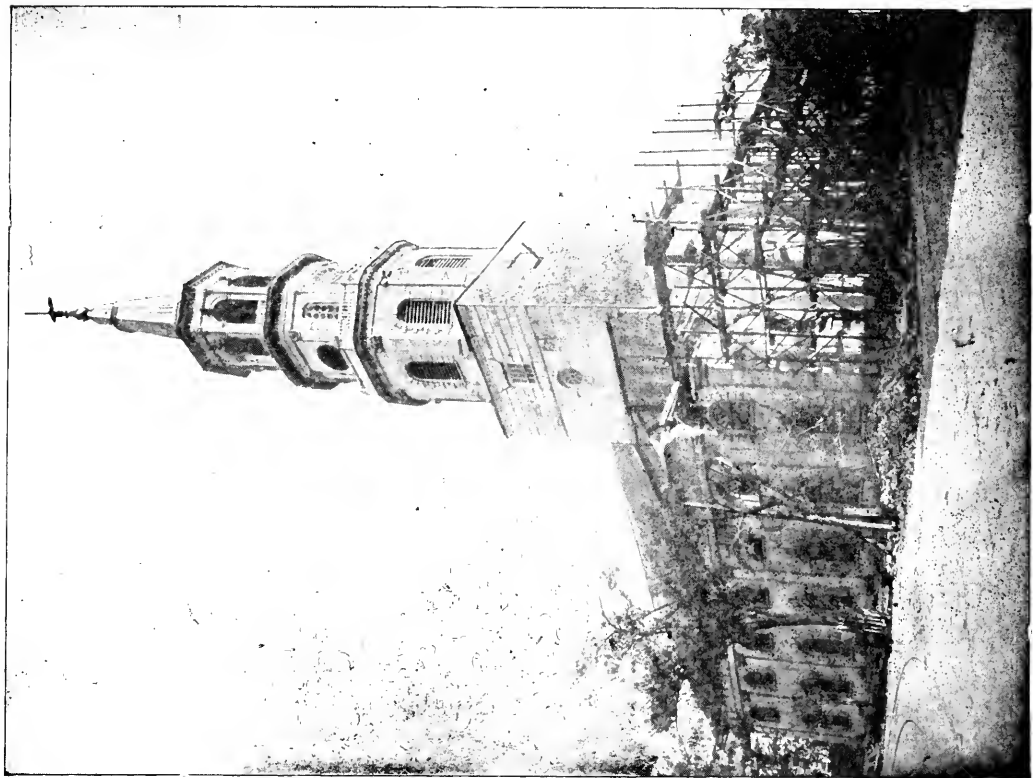




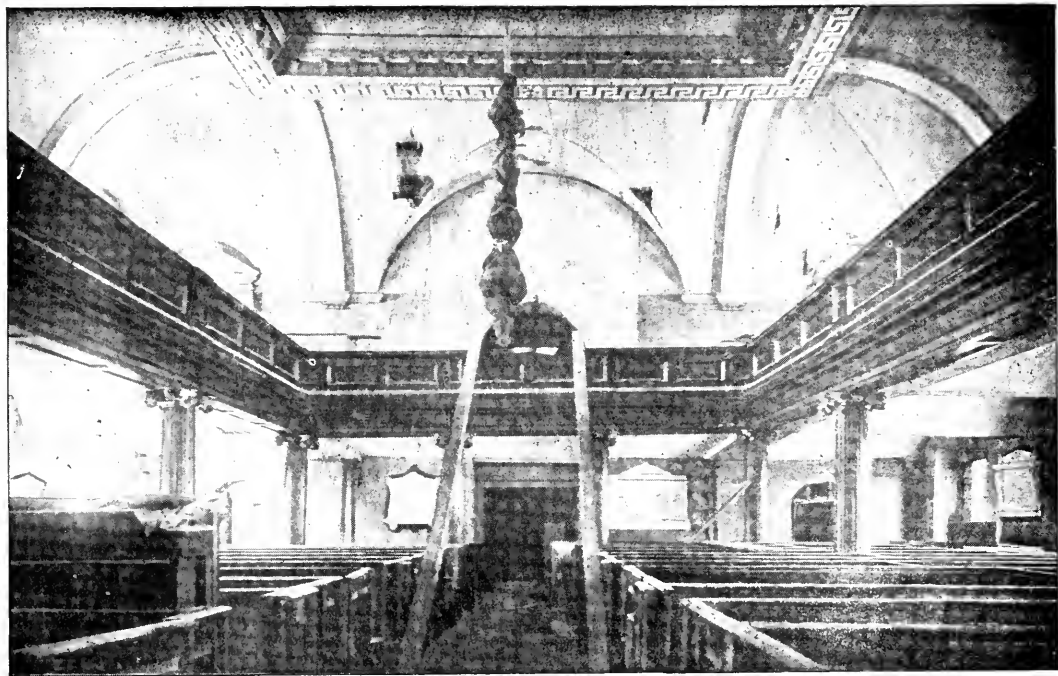
THIS represents the Church after the earthquake, showing the ruined condition of the venerable edifice. It was thought that it would be almost impossible to restore the Church, which had just been repaired after the terrible cyclone of August 25th, 1885. In this connection it may be mentioned that eight days after the earthquake, during which time the familiar sound of the chimes had not been heard, the old sexton climbed to the clock room and set the clock going. One who had not gone through the terrible experiences of that time cannot know the inspiration and encouragement that the people felt when the chimes again peeled forth in familiar chorus.

From the picture it will be seen that the spire is separate from the Church.

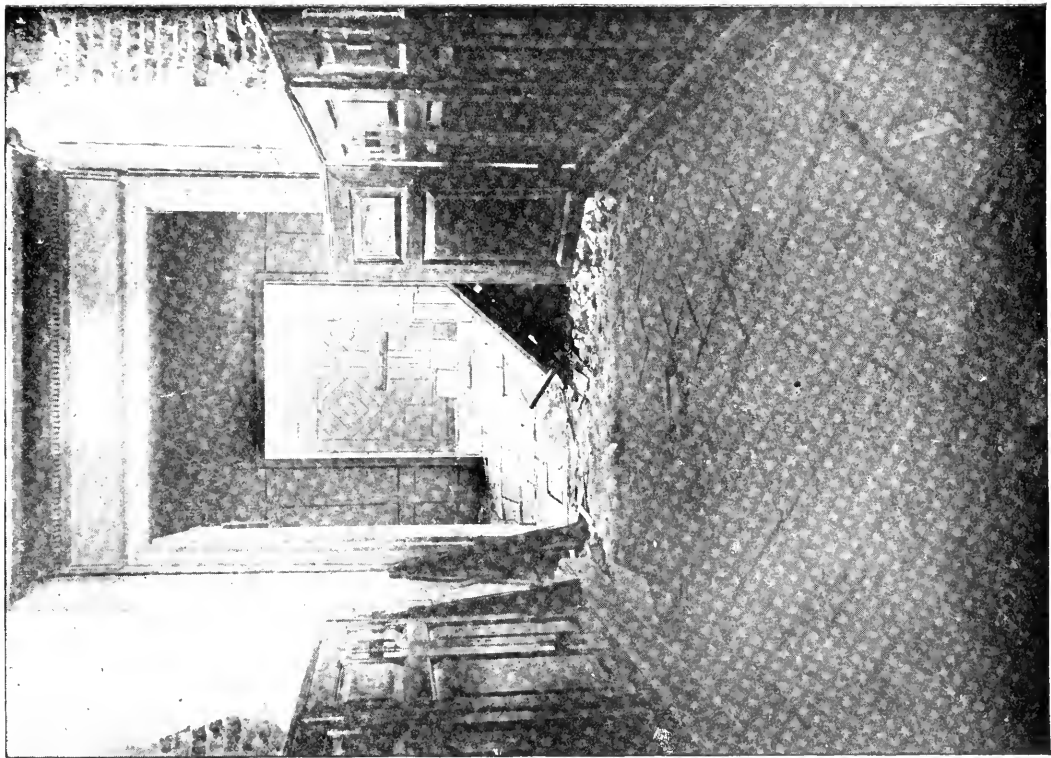
While the repairs made necessary by the earthquake were in progress an old coffin was unearthed from beneath the south stairway. On the lid of the coffin were the initials J. O. B., and the figures 1678 in brass tacks. This date precedes by several years that of the erection of the first church on this site, but from the presence of this coffin it is inferred that the site was used at that time for a burial ground. Nothing whatever is known as to who "J.O.B." was, but it is certain that the builders of St. Michael's Church knew of the existence of his grave, for the workmen found it protected by an arch of "round bricks" when they unearthed it in 1886.



**T**HIS is a view of the interior of the Church looking west. The organ has been taken down and at the left in the foreground the old reading desk is seen. By the sinking of the tower the doors entering on the north and south aisles were so thrown out of place that it was impossible to open them, and a close inspection will reveal the seriousness of the damage they suffered. The fissures in the aisle and the yawning holes in the ceiling are also visible. The arms of the chandelier have been removed, and the body of it covered to protect it from injury while the repairs proceeded.

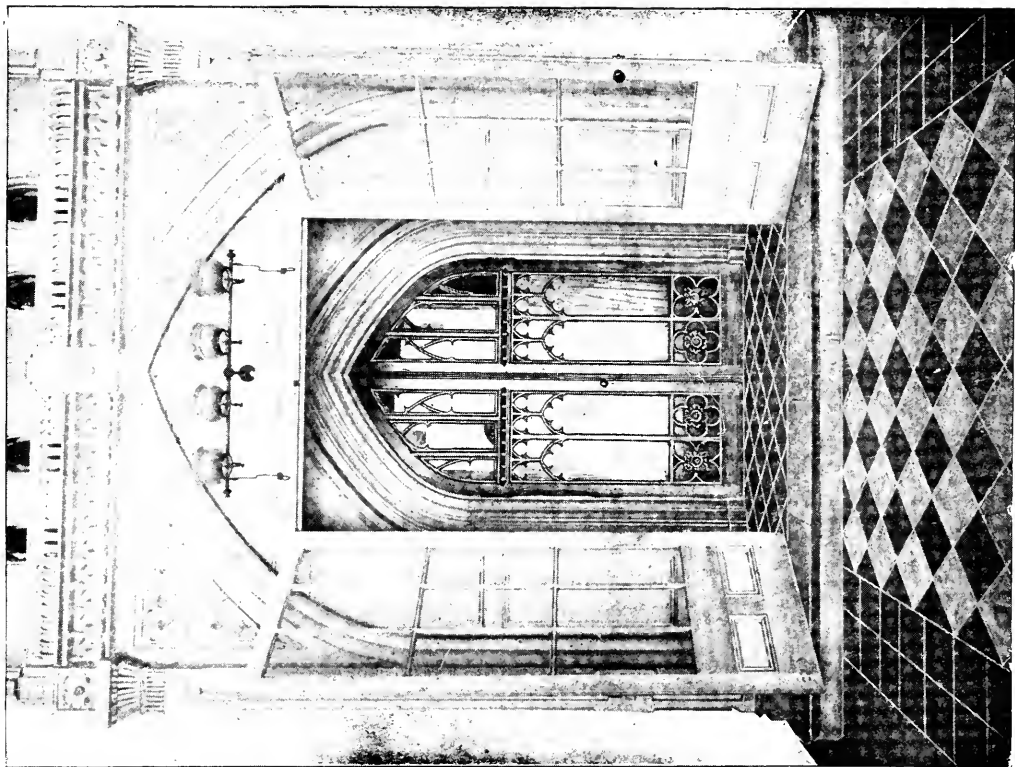


**T**HIS is a view of the Church taken from within, near the middle aisle door, looking into the vestibule. In the foreground the tiling is seen broken and shattered, as though a ploughshare had been run through the aisle. Through these fissures in the aisle water gushed forth, mingled with sand at the time of the earthquake. Towards the front door in the vestibule are seen the evidences of destruction wrought by the sinking of the spire. The debris in the aisle at the right was thrown from the west wall of the Church.



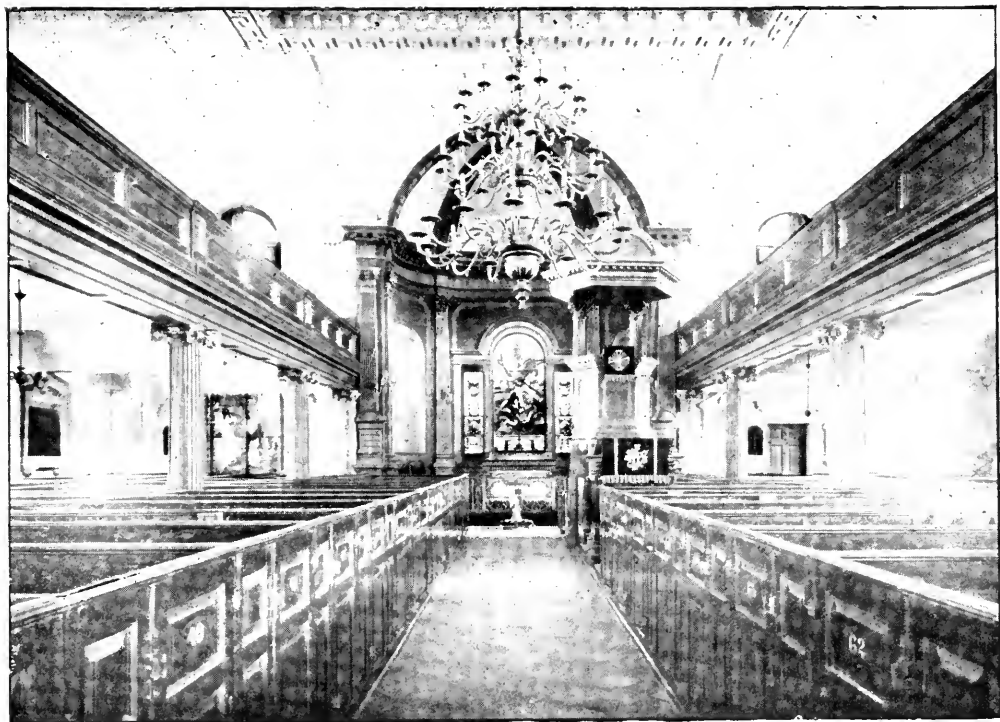
**T**HIS is a view of a portion of the vestibule and base of steeple; it is taken from the pavement in front of the Church, and is designed to show the fact that the steeple settled eight inches from the effects of the earthquake of August 31st, 1886. As will be seen, there is a step now leading to the inner door which was on a level with the floor of the vestibule until the earthquake caused it to settle as stated. The door seen in the picture was put in after the earthquake, replacing an older door, which was badly shattered at that time.



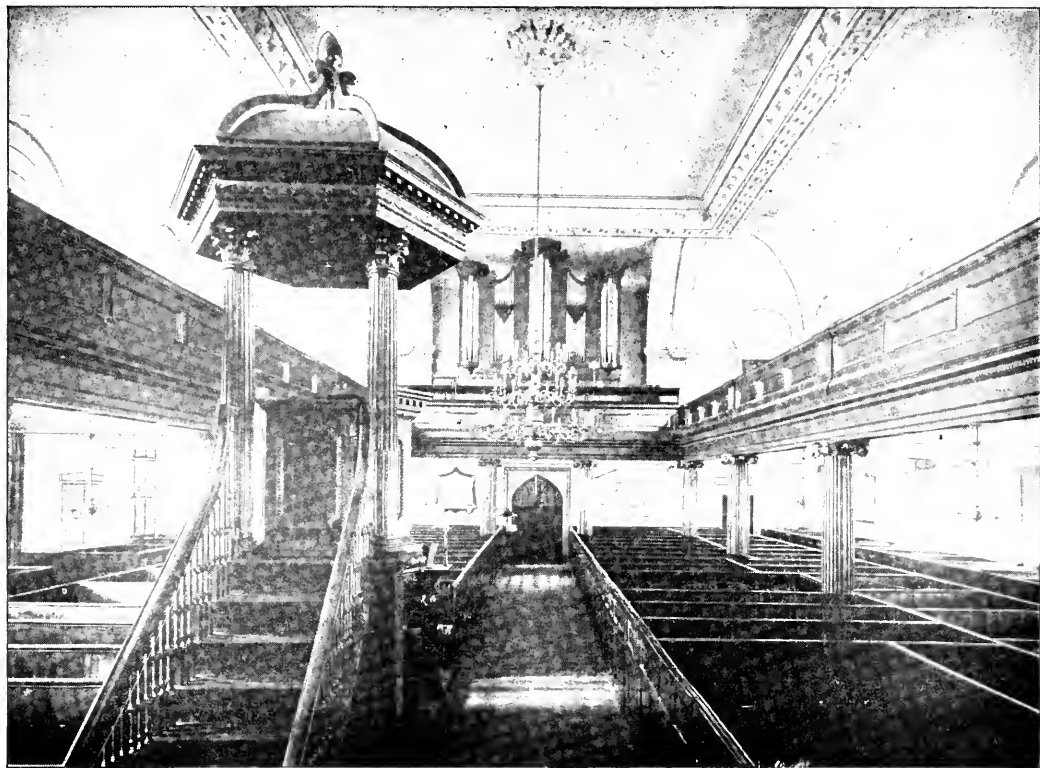


**T**HIS is a view of the interior as it now appears, looking toward the chancel. The dimensions of the interior are seventy feet by fifty-one. The height of the ceiling is thirty-one feet. The pews are of red cedar, and are in number ninety-seven on the ground floor. There are in the galleries thirty pews additional. The aisle is tiled with red and bluish English tiles, duplicates of the original, which were destroyed at the time of the earthquake. All the aisles are tiled alike. The pulpit and reading desk, the litany desk (a memorial) and the chancel, all appear in this picture.

All the woodwork of the columns and galleries is of cypress and cedar as is also the decorative work in the ceiling. The hinges of the pews doors are of wrought iron and the pattern is known as the "H" hinge, because it forms that letter when opened.



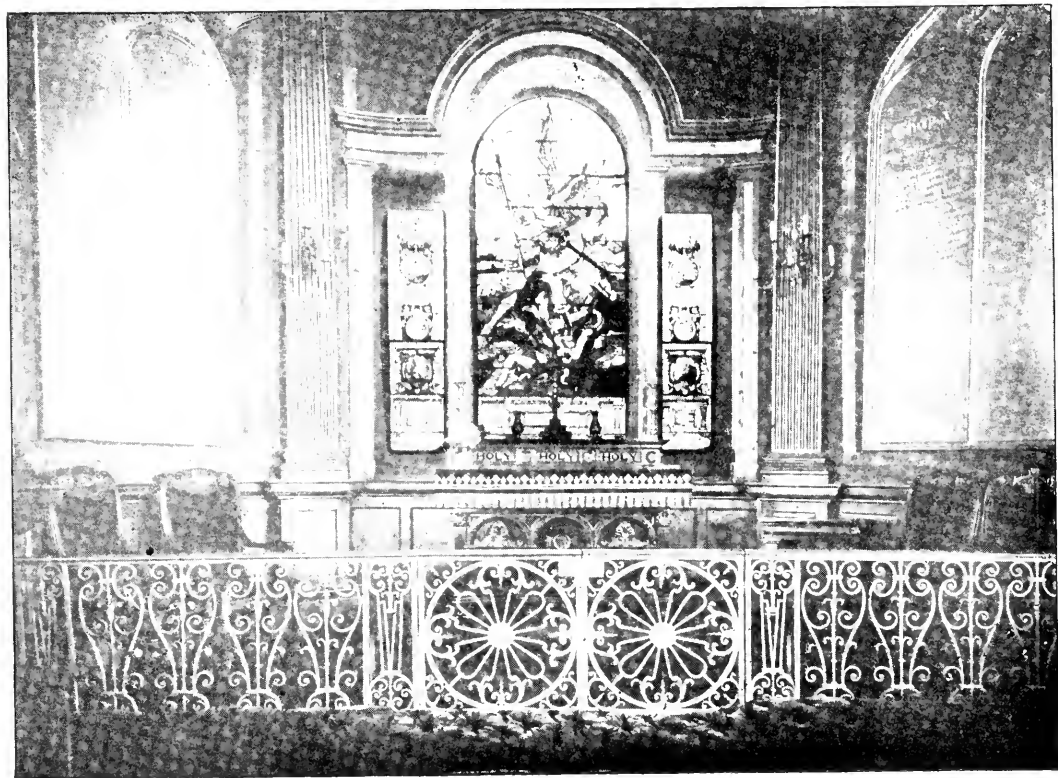
**T**HIS is an interior view looking towards the west door opening into the vestibule. It shows the steps leading up to the pulpit, and the sounding board as it appears from that direction. Around the walls are seen several Memorial Tablets. The chandelier and organ (which are also shown separately) may be seen. The large square pew is opposite the pulpit steps, on the north side of the central aisle.



**T**HIS VIEW shows the Chancel, which is semi-circular and ten feet deep. The chairs are the same that were placed in the Chancel when the Church was built. The Altar replaces the original Communion Table, and is a memorial. The Credence Table is also a memorial. The Chancel Rail is of wrought iron probably imported from England at the time of the building of the Church, and shows the beautiful handiwork of the artists in iron at that period.

As was customary in those days, tablets containing the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments were placed in the Chancel, as seen in the picture. The very interesting facts relating to the disappearance of the tablet containing the Lord's Prayer will be given when the Chancel Window is described.

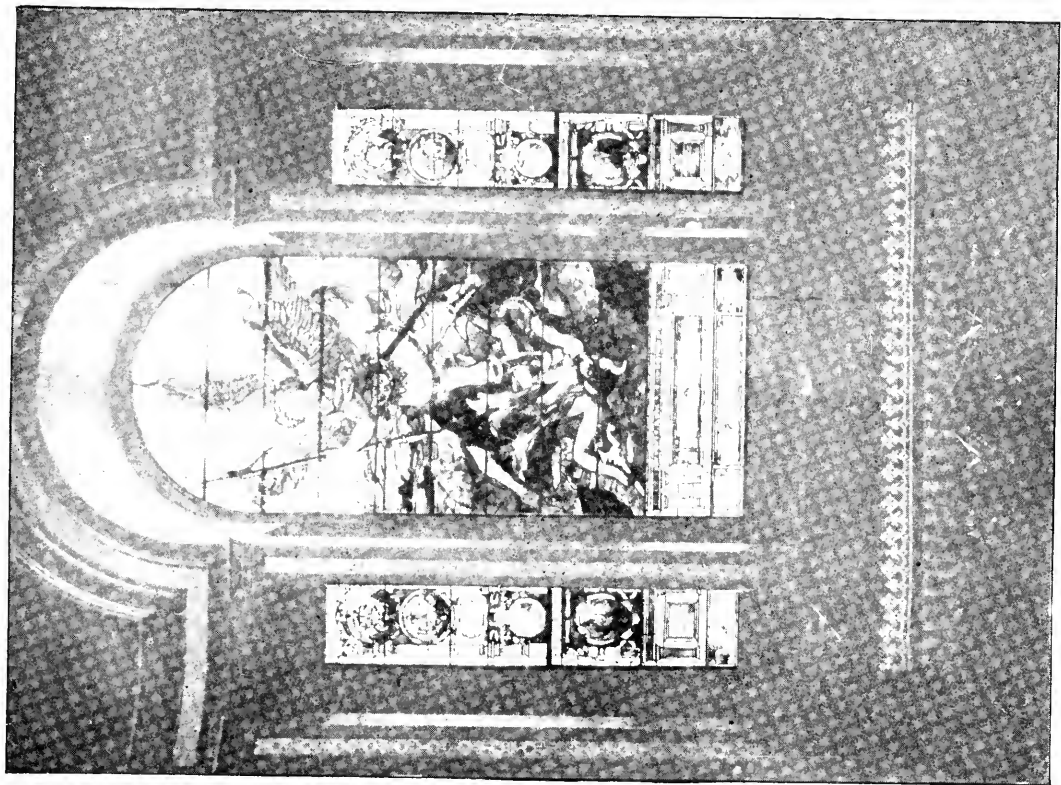
The remains of Bishop Dehon and Bishop Bowen rest beneath the Chancel, "under the Altar."



THE original Chancel Window was closed up in 1788 for fear lest the Church might take fire from certain buildings near to it, which were afterwards removed. The Window remained closed until February 14th, 1865, St. Valentine's Day, when a shell from Gilmore's guns on Morris Island penetrated it, tearing out the brick and disclosing the window frame. On a wooden tablet against the brick was inscribed the "Lord's Prayer." This also was demolished by the same shell. A piece of this shell, which also broke the tiling under the pulpit, cut the wood at its base, is still in possession of the sexton. The window now in the Vestry room filled the gap made by this shell. It was placed in the Chancel in 1867, when the Church was repaired. In 1893 the present window was put in. It is entitled: "St. Michael Conquering Satan." The wonderful effect in chiaroscuro to be found in this beautiful memorial window done in the best style of the Tiffany Glass Decorating Company, New York, is the result of the thickness and thinness of the layers of colored glass composing it. It is a copy of Raphael's famous "St. Michael Conquering Satan," now in the gallery of Louvre, Paris.

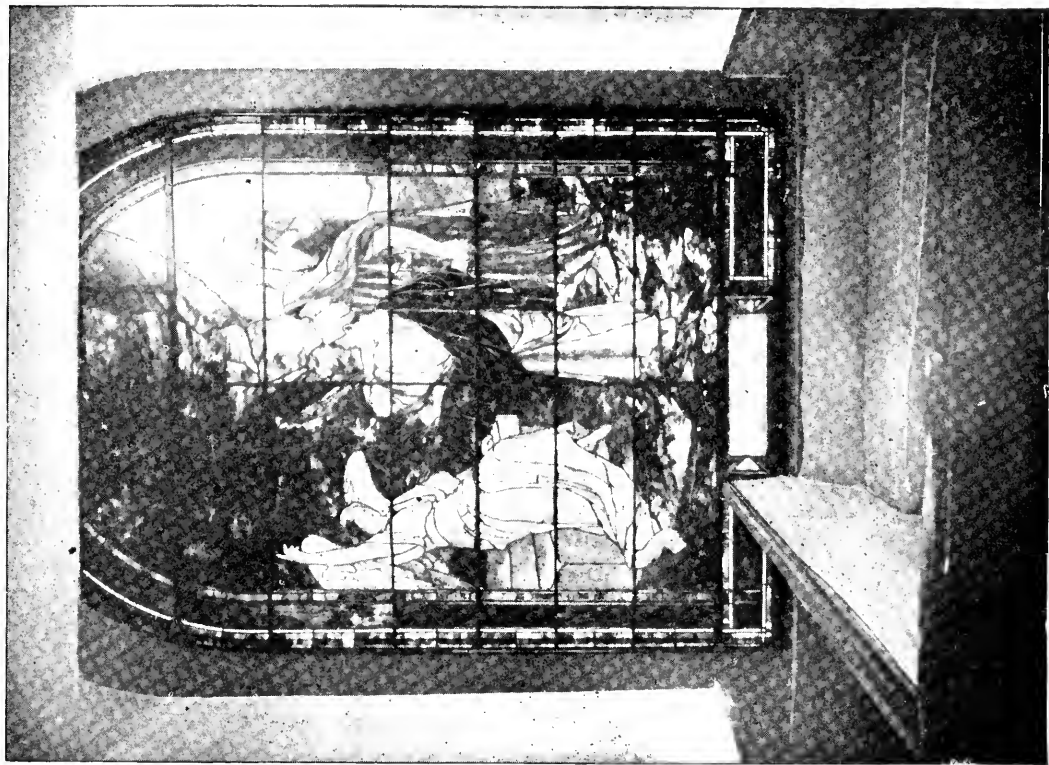
Though the blackened shadows and the coldness of the lights found in the original show that the master called in the inferior hands of his pupils to help in its hasty completion, it yet enjoys the distinction of being placed in the Salon Curre, where are to be found only the gems of the collection of France's celebrated gallery. Its sublime poetic character, its depth and contrast of coloring, its dramatic action so startlingly sudden, entitled it to the honor. St. Michael has his foot on Satan; with both hands he raises his lance to strike him, while flames shoot up from crevices in the earth to cast a lurid and mysterious glow over the rugged landscape. The original is 6 feet, 10 inches high, and 3 feet, 5 inches wide. It was painted on wood in 1518, and in 1753 transferred to canvas.



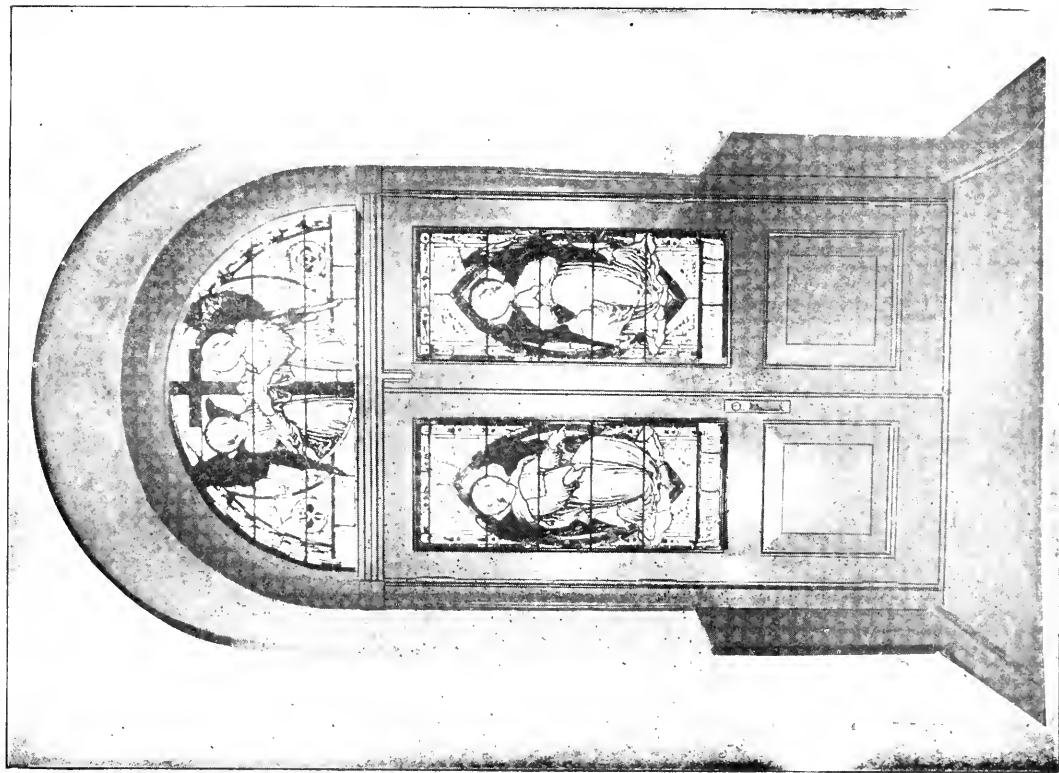


**T**HIS WINDOW, which is at the eastern end of the north aisle, is a memorial, as is also the Chancel Window, the original being a painting by the Norwegian artist, Axel Ender. It is entitled, "Easter Morning," and represents the scene in the Garden of Joseph of Arimathea, at the moment when the three Marys entered the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and were told by the angel, "He is not here, for He is risen, as He said." It was unveiled Easter morning, April 10th, and is the work of the Tiffany Glass Decorating Company, New York.

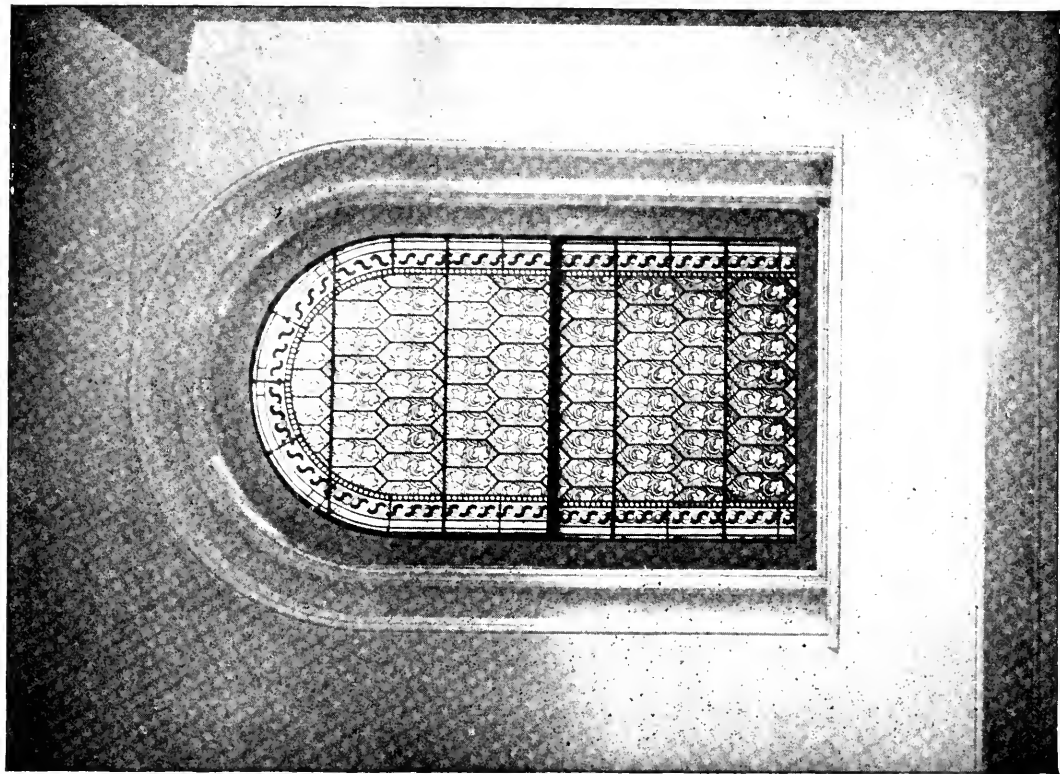
This window replaces the one now in the Vestry Room, which was removed from the Chancel in 1893, when the present window was put in.



**T**HIS DOOR was placed by the ladies of the congregation in July, 1897, in lieu of a plain door that had originally stood there. It represents the adoration by angels, as seen in the two lower panels. Above, two other angels are awaiting the coming of the faithful, in order to bestow upon them the "Crown of Life." The Door was designed by Mr. Silas McBee, and executed by Charles Booth, of New York City.



**T**HIS is a representation of the stained window which was placed in the Chancel in 1867, when the Church was being repaired after the Civil War. It filled the gap disclosed by the shell elsewhere referred to, and remained in place until 1893, when the present window was put in. It was then removed to the window at the eastern end of the north aisle, where it remained until 1898, when it gave place to the Memorial Window now occupying that space. It is now in the Vestry Room of the Church.

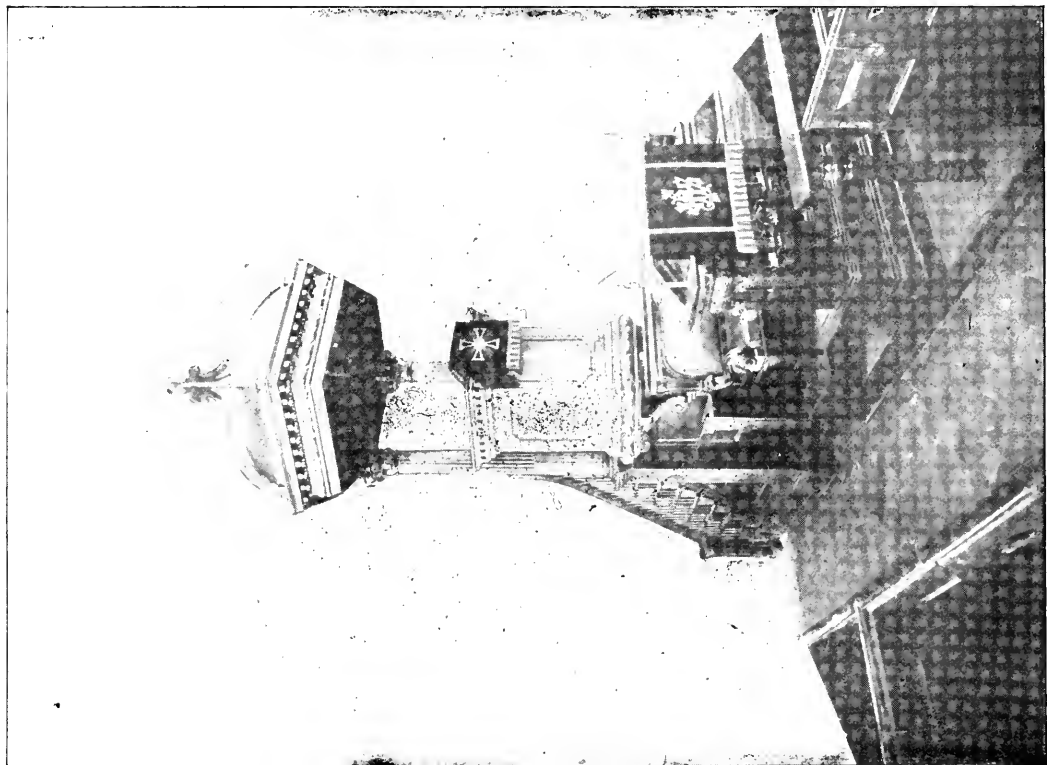


THE PULPIT and reading desk stand where they have always stood, at the southeast corner of the middle aisle. The Pulpit is the original one. Perhaps the most striking feature in connection with this is the massive sounding board supported by two Corinthian columns. In February, 1865, when the city was taken possession of by the United States soldiers, a number of persons who followed the army of occupation entered the church and carried away a number of relics, among which was the monogram, I. H. S. panel from the front of the Pulpit. Some years later this was sent back by the person who took it, presumably, and was restored to its old place.

The original Reading desk was replaced in 1893 by the one now in use; it was cypress stained; on each side a hand extended, holding a candlestick. The original sedile was a very plain bench, which was replaced by the present one in 1893. The original Reading Desk was enclosed like a pew and was entered through the "Rector's Pew," after ascending a flight of three steps.

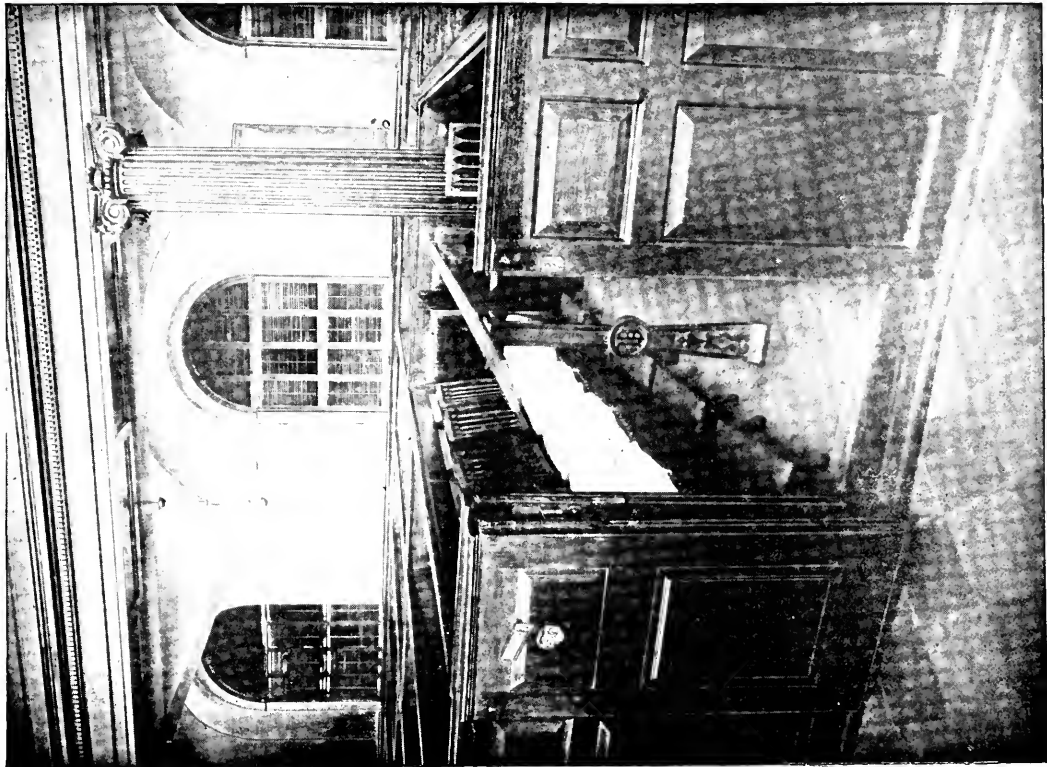
The ceiling of the sounding board is mahogany, inlaid with oak in two colors, the whole forming a star.





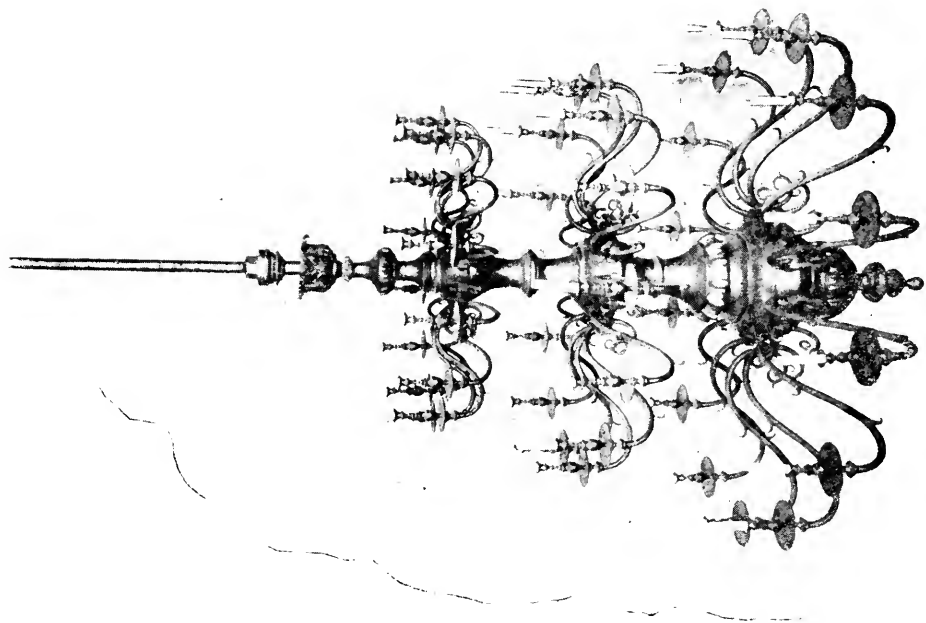
**T**HIS PEW, originally known as the "Governor's Pew," has an interesting history. It is known that General George Washington occupied it on the afternoon of Sunday, May 8th, 1791. In 1862 it was occupied by General Robert E. Lee. In 1884, the Marquis of Lorne and his wife, the Princess Louise, sat in it. It is said that in it the Marquis de Lafayette and "numerous other celebrities have, from time to time, been seated." It is now occupied by the family of the late Arnoldus Vander Horst.

The name, "Governor's Pew" was given it because it was set apart for the use of that official and his council by the Act of the Legislature, which provided for the building of the Church.



**W**RITING in 1820, Rev. Frederick Dalcho, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, in describing the interior of the building, states that "a large, handsome brass chancelier is suspended from the centre." There are 42 lights in the chandelier. Up to April, 1879, the chandelier hung by a chain, so that it could be lowered and raised again, after lighting the candles. At that date the candles were replaced by gas. The chandelier was taken down and sent to New York, where the arms were recast for gas, which has since been used.

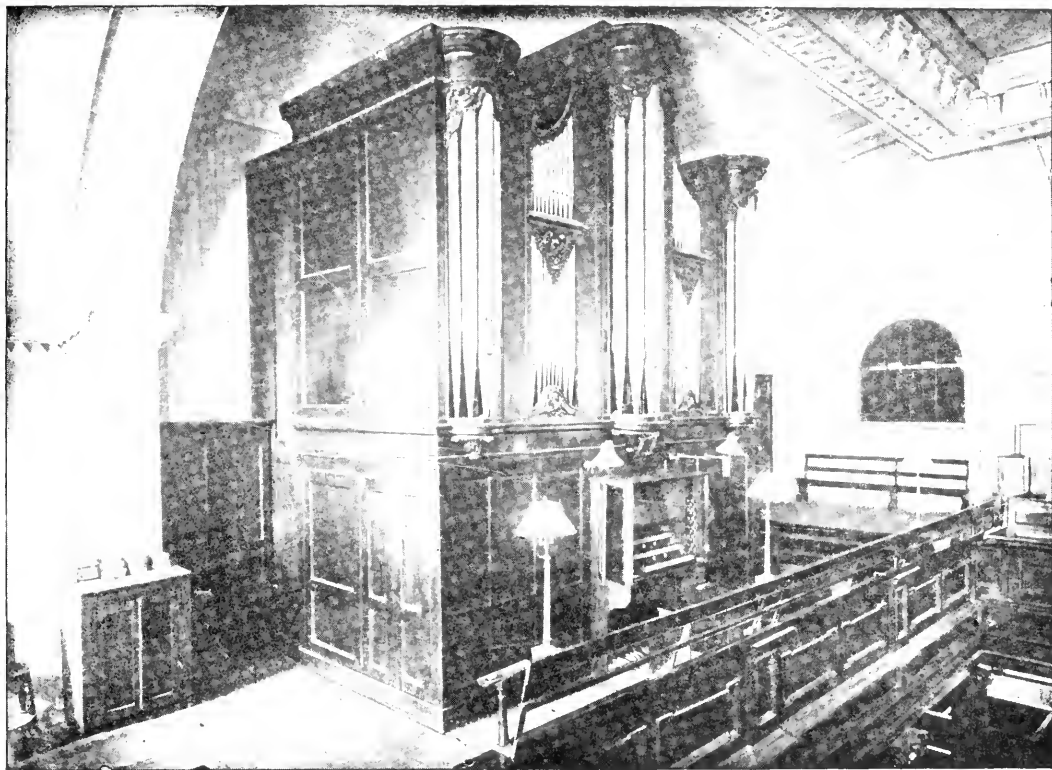
The name of the maker is G. Penton London. The chandelier was imported in 1803. When altered for gas, the chandelier was bronzed and is suspended by a rod that replaces the chain formerly in use.



**T**HE ORGAN was imported from England in August, 1768. In a little frame on the side of the Organ is an inscription, as follows: "Jno. Snetzler, fecit, Londini, 1767." This inscription was found by the present sexton's father (who was also sexton), pasted on one of the pipes of the Organ, when it was taken down during the bombardment of Charleston, and stored away in the Sunday School Room of St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro, for safekeeping.

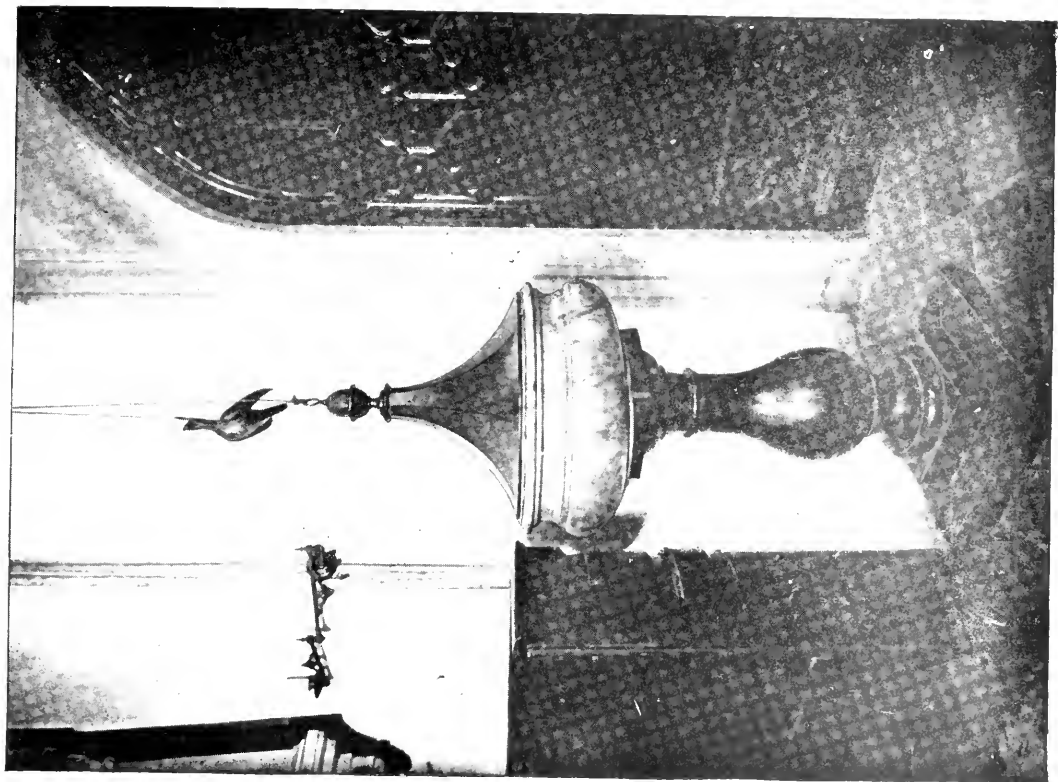
This is believed to be the oldest large organ in the United States. It is also believed that this Church had probably the first choir surpliced boys in this country.

In the old Vestry Book these boys are often mentioned; certainly as far back as 1794.

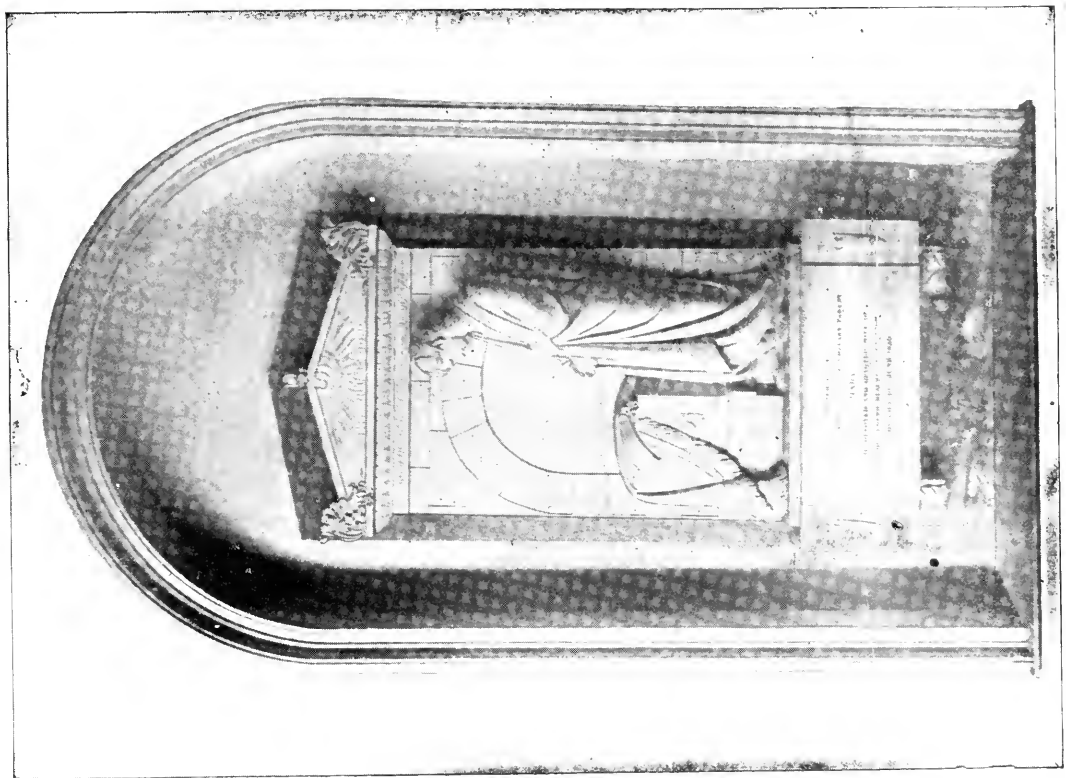


**T**HIS represents the Baptismal Font, which was placed in the Church on Christmas Eve, 1771. By resolution of the Vestry, "It was to stand upon a mahogany frame run upon brass casters, and not exceeding the price of ten guineas." The dove is of lead and balances the front cover. The pulley block through which the wire rope runs was probably sent over with the font from England.

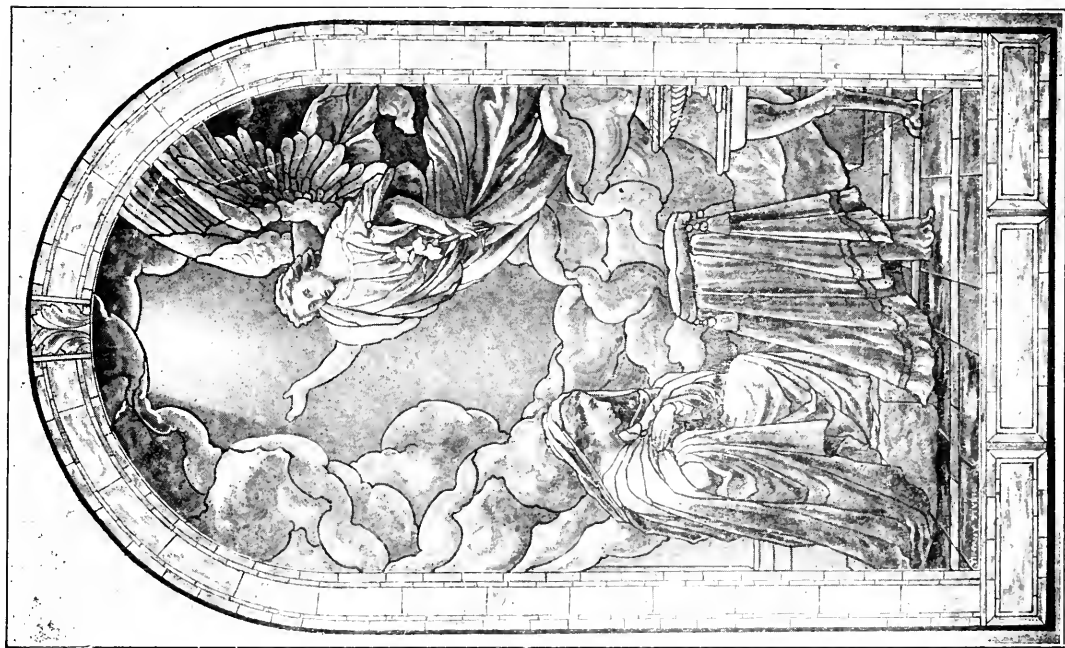




**T**HIS is a view of the Blacklock Monument, on the north side of the base of the tower in the vestibule. It has been much admired as a work of art. It is the product of the genius of Mr.W. Calder Marshall, R. A., London, 1852.



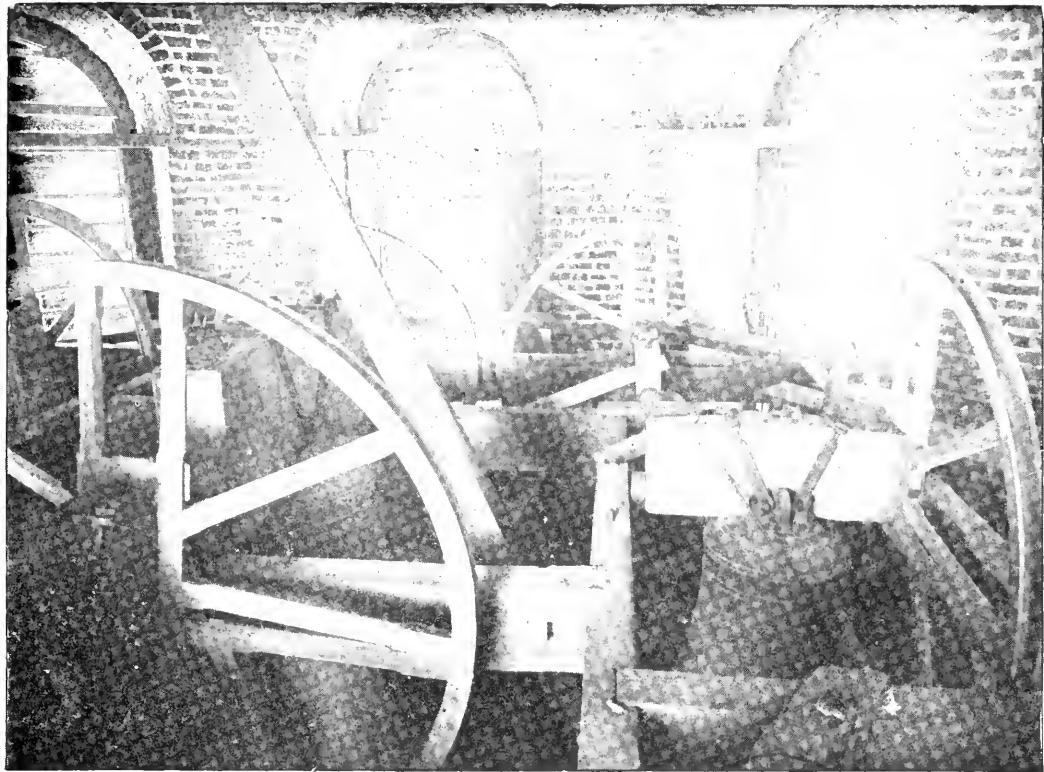
**T**HIS WINDOW is a memorial also. As with two others, represented in this book, it is the work of the Tiffany Glass Decorating Company, New York. The subject is, "The Annunciation," the original being a painting by the Dutch artist, T. Van Scandel, and the window has been reproduced by Tiffany from a photograph of the painting and placed in the church in A. D. 1908.



THIS is a view of the famous bells of old St. Michael's, that since 1764 have chimed from its steeple. They are eight in number. Dalcho says: "At the evacuation of Charles Town, December, 1782, Major Traill, of the Royal Artillery, took down the bells and carried them away as being public property. The next year Sir Guy Carlton ordered their immediate restoration. The bells, however, had been sold, meanwhile, in England and purchased by a former merchant of this city, named Ryhiner, as a "commercial adventure," and shipped back to Charleston. On their landing, "the overjoyed citizens took possession and hurried them up to the Church and into the steeple without thinking that they might be violating a private right." In 1838 two of the bells were found to be cracked; they were sent to England, and recast and returned August, 1839. In June, 1862, they were sent to Columbia and stored there. When that city was burned, during the occupation of Sherman's army the bells were also burned. In 1866 the fragments were gathered together and sent to Meares & Steinbank, of London, England, successors of the original founders, and recast in the same moulds.

March 21st, 1867, the familiar music of the chimes was heard again in the strains of "Home again, home again, from a foreign shore."

The By-laws of the Church provide that the bells shall be rung on Christmas, at Easter and Thanksgiving Day, and tolled on Good Friday, at sunrise, midday (or immediately after church service), at sunset, fifteen minutes each. Also on Confederate Memorial Day during the decoration service. Also for ten minutes before midnight on December 31, the bells shall toll the old year out, and for ten minutes immediately thereafter to ring the new year in. They shall be tolled on the death of the Bishop of the Diocese or that of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, as soon as practicable after the receipt of the news of their death for one hour, and also on the day of their



funerals, respectively, at sunrise, midday and sunset thirty minutes each. On the death of the Rector or Assistant Minister of the Church, fifteen minutes at the times above designated for the Bishop of the Diocese. On the death of the Rector or Assistant Minister of any P. E. Church in this city, full connection with the Convention, without bells of its own, the same as for the Rector of this Church, if the use of the bells be requested by such Church. On the death of the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of South Carolina, one hour, as soon as practicable after the receipt of the intelligence, and also for one hour on the day of the funeral.

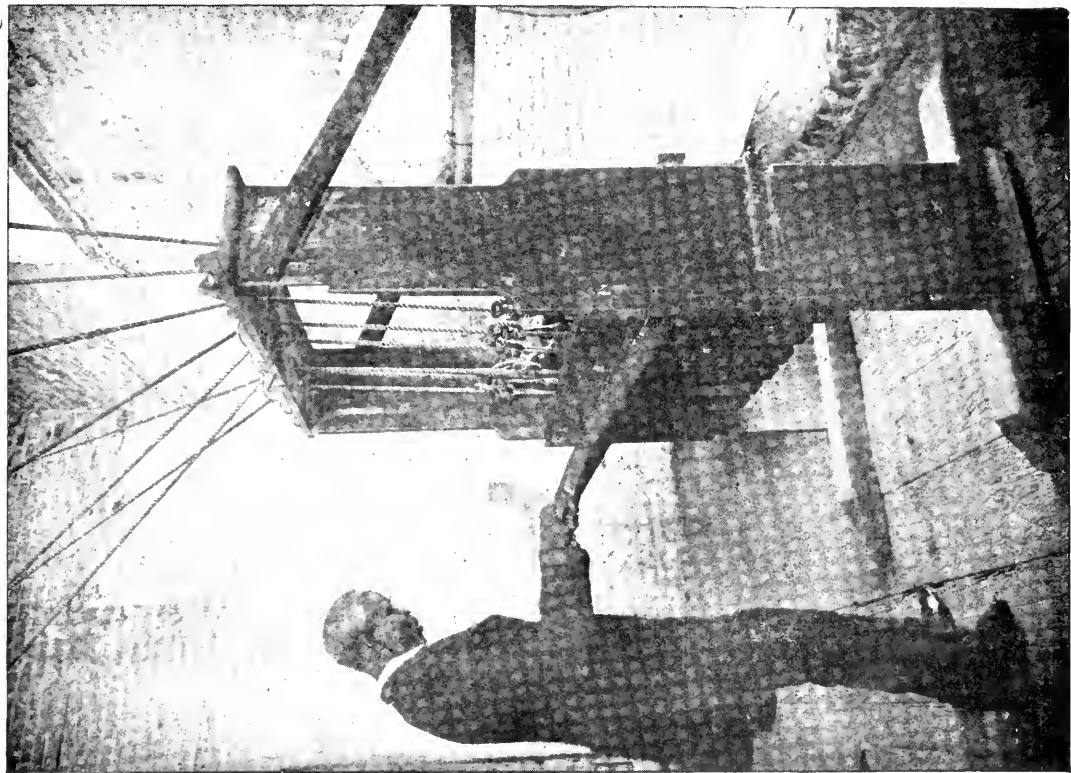
On the 22nd of February, 28th June and 4th July; provided, they do not interfere with the Church services on that day.

On the 22nd of February, 28th June, and for half hour before the regular hours of service; on other days, and before other services, a bell called the "Parson's bell," is tolled for fifteen minutes.

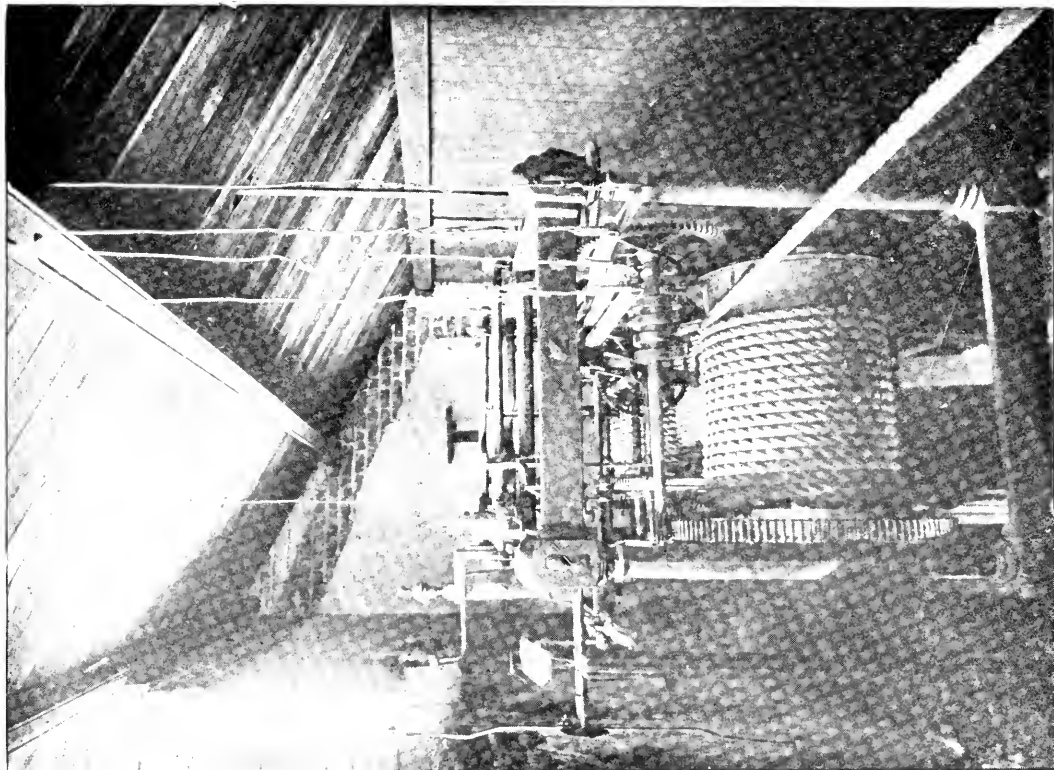
The bells were tolled for the first time at the funeral of Mrs. Martha Grimke, who died September 22nd, 1764, and was buried in the yard near the south door.

**N**O STORY OF THE BELLS would be complete without some reference to the old bell-ringer, Washington McLean Gadsden, who is here represented as standing at the keyboard in the steeple to ring the chimes. Gadsden was bell-ringer for sixty-one years. Owing to his infirmities, he resigned his office October 1st, 1898, and was pensioned by the Church for the remainder of his life. He passed away July 20th, 1899.

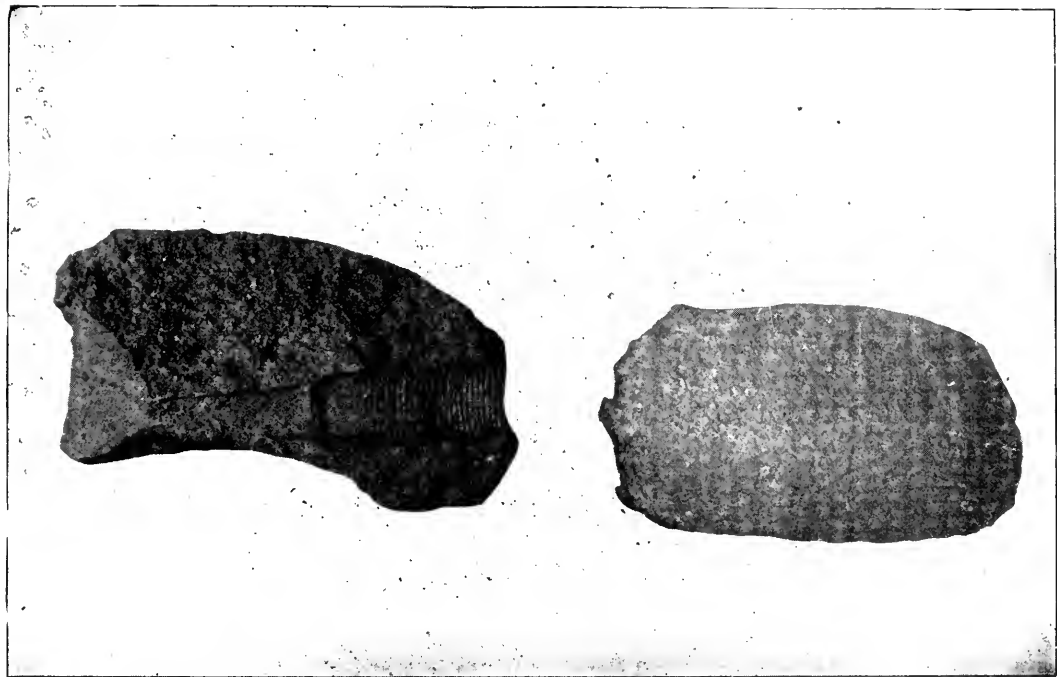




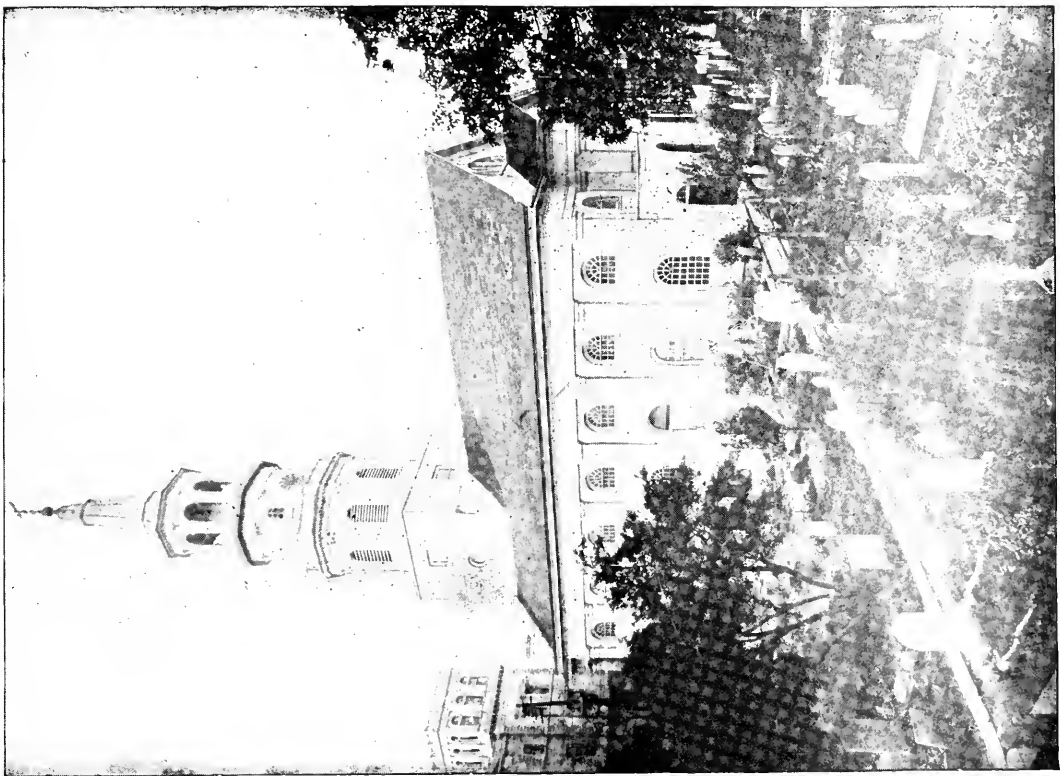
**T**HIS is a view of the clock room and clock in St. Michael's steeple. It came over in 1764 with the bells. It was built by Aynesworth Thwayts, of London, and was described by him as "a strong 30-hour clock, to show the hour four ways, to strike the hour on the largest best, and the quarters on four bells, as the Royal Exchange, London." It is not certain when the quarters began to be struck on three bells, but they were so struck for many years, and up to June 6th, 1896, when the old method of striking on four bells was restored. Up to 1849 there were no minute hands. In that year, with the consent of the vestry, the City Council added them.



**T**HIS represents two pieces of the shell which entered the Chancel during the bombardment of the city from Morris Island, by General Gilmore, in 1865. The damage done by this shell is elsewhere described in connection with the history of the Chancel Window. The thread of the screw-cap is very distinct. The pieces together would weigh from seven to nine pounds.

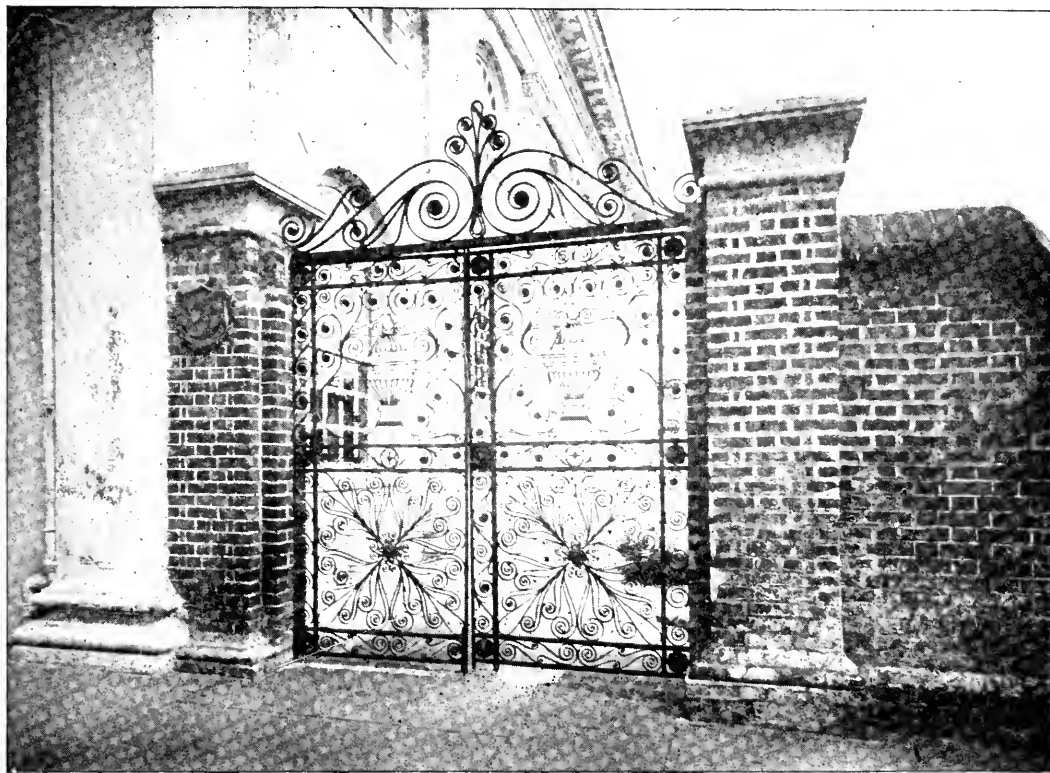


**T**HIS view of the Church Yard, the Church and the Spire, is taken from the Parish House, which is in the southeast corner of the enclosure; it gives a partial view of the burial ground, in which lie the remains of so many distinguished dead. The building seen to the left is the United States Post Office and Court House, and the eagle is perched upon the flag staff that surmounts the City Hall.



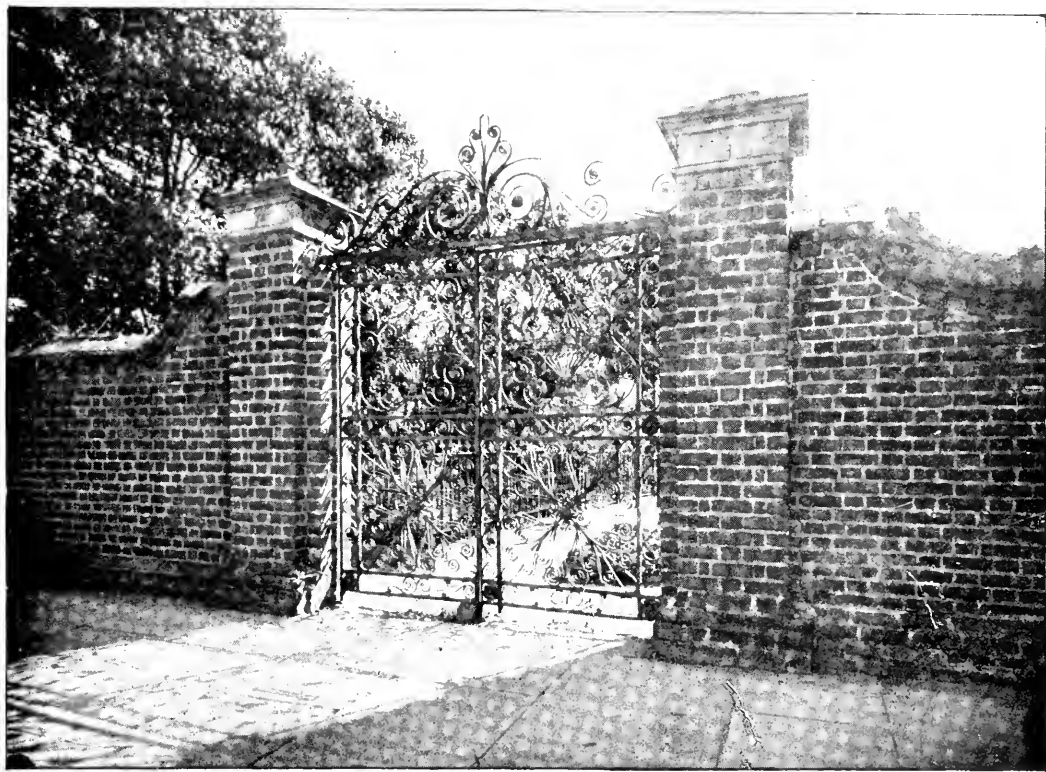
**T**HIS is a view of the Meeting Street Gate, and the walk which extends the length of the Church on its south side. Beneath its flag stones rest the remains of quite a number of the members of the congregation. There are several tablets let into the wall of the Church along this walk, among others those of Colonel Lewis Morris, Captain W. Morris, "aide to General T. Pinckney," and Mary Butler, wife of Pierce Butler.





**T**HIS is a view of the Broad Street Gate from the street, showing the old brick wall surmounted by broken glass bottles as a protection from intruders. Near the gate is the grave of George Augustus Clough, who "died suddenly of Stranger's Fever, November 5th, 1843." On the stone over his grave is the following verse, said to have been written by his brother, A. H. Clough, the famous poet:

Of all thy kindred at thy dying day  
Were none to speed thee on thy solemn way;  
Yet ever lives distinct and deeply dear  
Their sight with them of this, thy corner here.  
Each heart so oft hath come and sought and seen  
That ocean space hath shrunk to naught between,  
And more their own seems now the stranger's shore  
Than when with thee they dwelt on it before.



THIS is a view of the Church Yard, showing the great Magnolia Tree, which over-spreads the monument of Robert Y. Hayne, Arthur Peroneau Hayne, and James L. Petigru. On the extreme right is seen a corner of the Parish House. The buildings in the background are on the premises adjoining the Church Yard, but form no part of the property.

### JAMES LOUIS PETIGRU

Born at Abbeville, May 10th, 1789. Died at Charleston, March 9th, 1863.

JURIST, ORATOR, STATESMAN, PATRIOT'

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Future times will hardly know how Great a Life this simple Stone Commemorates—

The tradition of his Eloquence, his Wisdom and Wit may Fade,

But he Lived for Ends More Durable than Fame.

His Eloquence was the Protection of the Poor and Wronged.

His learning Illuminated the Principles of Law—

In the Admiration of his Peers, in the Respect of his People,

In the Affection of his Family, His was the Highest Place:

The Just Meed of his Kindness and Forbearance.

His Dignity and Simplicity,

His brilliant Genius and his unwearied Industry,

Unawed by Opinion, Unseduced by Flattery, Undismayed by Disaster,

He confronted Life with antique Courage and Death With Christian Hope.

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In the great Civil War he withstood his People for his Country,

But his People did Homage to the Man who held his Conscience higher than their Praise

And his Country heaped her Honours on the Grave of the Patriot

To whom, Living, his own Righteous Self-Respect sufficed, alike for Motive and Reward.

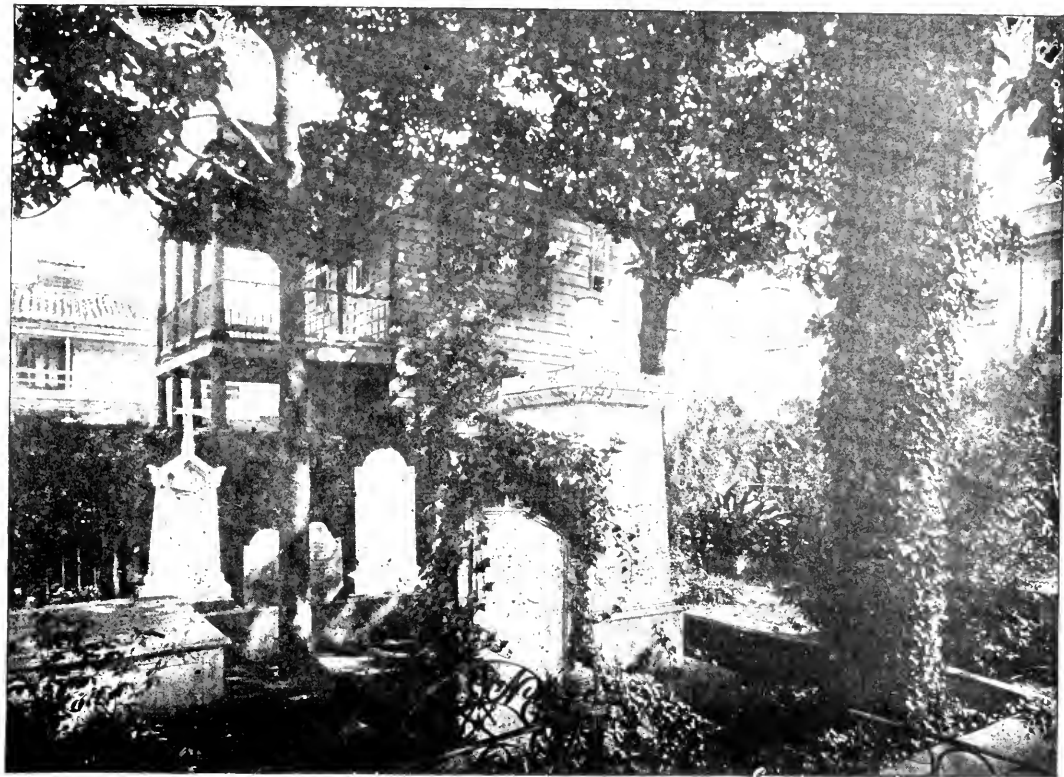
"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail

Or knock the breast, no weakness, no contempt,

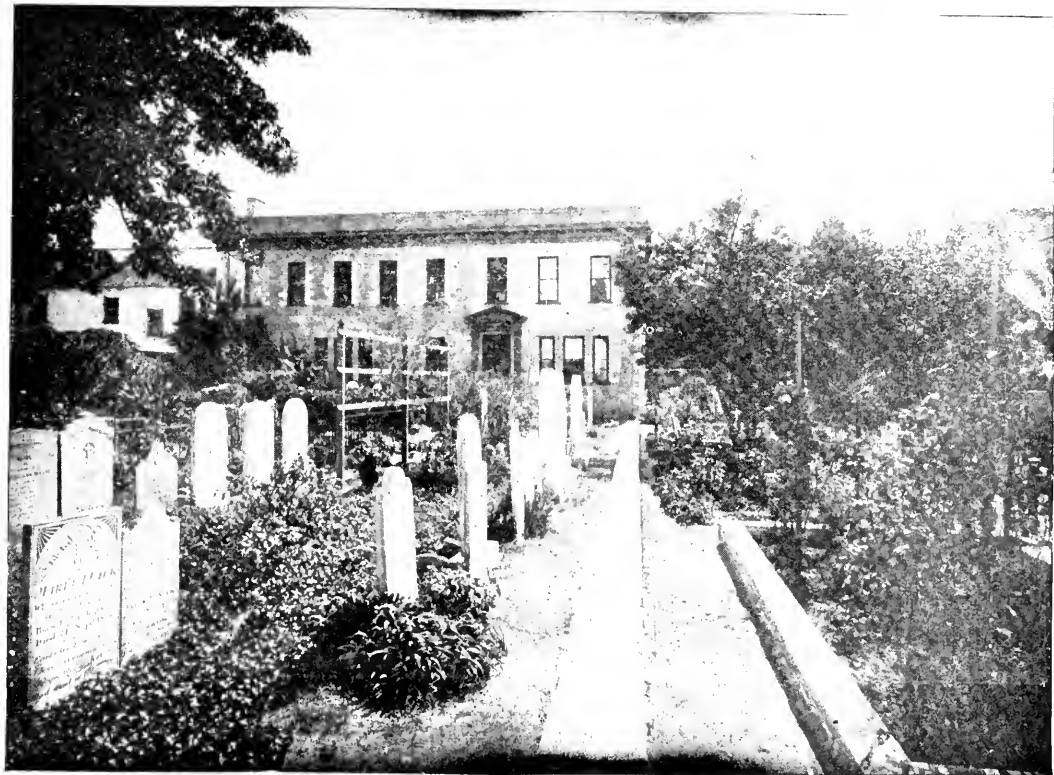
Dispraise or blame, nothing but well and fair

And what may quiet us in a life so noble."

This stone is erected by His Daughter. Caroline Carson



**T**HIS is a view of the Parish House and a corner of the Church Yard, originally an old Colonial building; it was remodeled in 1896, and now contains the Rector's Study, a Guild Room and a Sunday School Room. It is fitted with water and gas, and is a model of convenience. The original architecture of the building has been preserved.



**T**HIS is a view of the Graveyard taken from the walk leading from the Parish House to the western wall. It shows the luxuriant violet bed which sheds its fragrant perfume abroad from October until April. On the right is a red japonica, against a background of cedar, which obstructs a further outlook in that direction.





**T**HIS is a view from inside the Meeting Street Gate looking South. It shows a number of stones against the western wall and the symmetrical "crape myrtle" tree which casts its dense shade on the walk. At the south end of this walk is the grave of Ann Luyten, of which a separate picture is elsewhere shown.



THIS is a view of the grave of Mary Ann Luyten, who died September 9th, 1770. At the head and foot of the grave stand what appear to be appropriate parts of a bedstead, made out of cypress and cedar, that have stood the ravages of one hundred and forty years. A portion of the head-board and one of the posts were demolished by a shell from Gillmore's guns on Morris Island, in 1865. The post was replaced after the war.



Mary Ann Laylen Wife of H. H. Laylen  
Died September 14, 1881 at the age of 71

THE "Service of Altar Plate" of 1762 consisted of two flagons, a chalice and cover, and a large dish (alms basin) presented by His Excellency, Governor Thomas Boone. These were sent along with other plate to Columbia during the war, and were lost when Sherman's raid passed through that city. In 1867 one of the flagons was recovered "through the generosity of the Hon. Alexander W. Bradford, who noticed it in a pawnbroker's shop in New York. The cover was bought in Ohio a year or two later, but nothing was ever heard of the remainder."

**I**N the Church Yard, nearly opposite the south door, are the remains of John Rutledge, who died in 1800. "Sometime Dictator of South Carolina."

Beneath the Vestry Room lie the remains of Major-General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, of the Revolutionary War.

Near the Parish House rests the remains of Hon. John Lloyd, for several years member and President of the Senate of South Carolina.

Near the south door lie the remains of Major-General Mordecai Gist, an officer of the Maryland line, in the Revolutionary War, who died September 12th, 1792.

Also near the south door lie the remains of James Parsons, once Vice-President of South Carolina, who died October 1st, 1779.

Near the west walk is the grave of Charles Fraser, Artist, who died October 5th, 1860.

Against the west wall of the Graveyard is the stone that marks the last resting place of Alexander Shirras, a Scotchman by birth, who, after a residence here of thirty years, died, leaving an endowment for a free dispensary, which has been doing its good work for the greater part of this century, and is known as "Shirras Dispensary."

## MURIAL TABLETS

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James O'Brien Parsons, 1775-1789.  
George Parsons, 1760-1778.  
Louis DeSaussure, 1745-1779.  
Rt. Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D., 1777-1817  
Rev. Edward Jenkins, D. D., 17    -1812  
John S. Cogdell, 1778-1858.  
Mrs. Maria Cogdell, 1785-1858.  
Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, 1746-1825.  
Rev. Thomas John Young, 1803-1851.  
Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D., 1770-1836.  
Rev. Paul Trapier Keith, 1801-1868.  
Sabine E. Huger, July 27, 1799.  
John Julius Pringle { 1757-1843.  
Susanna, his wife     { 1768-1831



## MURIAL TABLETS—Continued

Henry Deas, 1770-1846.

William Read, M. D., 1754-1845.

Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., 1779-1839.

Rev. John Drayton Grimke, 1857-1895.

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## IN THE VESTIBULE

Mary Blacklock, died June 10th, 1850.

Theodore Dehon Wagner, 1819-1880.

Oliver Hering Middleton, Jr., 1845-1864.

Pierce Butler, of County Carlow, Ireland,

Major of the 29th Regiment, British Army,

Died, June, 1822.

Buried at Christ Church, Philadelphia, Penn.

## IN THE VESTIBULE—Continued

The Confederate Memorial Tablet, unveiled June 12th, 1902.

*How grand a fame this marble watches o'er  
Their wars behind them. God's great peace before.*

St. Michael's writes within her hallowed walls the names of her gallant sons who died for the Confederate Cause, and consecrates their memory.

1861-1865

Brigadier-General J. Johnston Pettigrew.....	aged 35
Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Pinckney Alston.....	aged 32
Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas M. Wagner.....	aged 37
Captain Edward Downes Frost.....	aged 30
Captain Robert Pringle.....	aged 26
Surgeon, Thomas L. Ogier.....	aged 31
Surgeon, Edward Gough Porcher.....	aged 26
Lieutenant Thomas Bee Huger, C. S. N.....	aged 42
Lieutenant Philip Porcher, C. S. N.....	aged 29
Lieutenant John Julius Pringle Alston.....	aged 27

## IN THE VESTIBULE—Continued

Lieutenant William Heyward Grimball.....	aged 26
Lieutenant Thomas Middleton.....	aged 30
Lieutenant Charles Alston Pringle.....	aged 21
Major William Henry Ladson, S. C. M.....	aged 32
Edward Bland Beesley.....	aged 20
Thomas Lynch.....	aged 46
Oliver Hering Middleton.....	aged 18
Thomas Parker.....	aged 29
Frederick George Porcher.....	aged 22
J. R. Poinsett Pringle.....	aged 21
Alexander Robertson.....	aged 24
Lewis Morris Vander Horst.....	aged 33

*They fought the patriot's fight,  
 They kept the faith of their fathers.  
 They fell on their stainless shields.*

Non Sibi Domine Sed Patriae.

## QUEER INSCRIPTIONS

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On the tomb of Charlotte Massey, died in 1787, aged 25 years:

“View this tomb as you pass by,  
For as you are, so once was I;  
And as I am, so must you be,  
Prepare yourself to follow me.”

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Captain Manuel Antonio, died August 12, 1786:

“Although I here at anchor be,  
With many of our fleet;  
We must set sail one day again,  
Our Saviour, Christ, to meet.”

John Singleton, died September 10th, 1789:

"Sacred and Solemn

To

The Memory of 1 in 4 and 4 in 1,

A husband, father, grandfather, and father-in-law."

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Charlotte Elford, May 9th, 1817:

She was

"In Childhood, Obedient,  
In Wedlock, Virtuous,  
In Prosperity, Humble,  
In Adversity, Resigned,  
In Sickness, Patient,  
In Death, Happy."

Bennett Taylor, Age 56, Died March 25th, 1800:

Praises on tombs are titles vainly spent—A man's good name is his best monument.

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Captain James Maud Elford, January 25th, 1826:

"When this experienced and successful sea captain retired  
From Navigation, it was only to study and reveal its  
Theory, and lend the light of his genius to his brethren  
Of the Ocean.

He was the author . . . of an admirable system of  
Marine telegraphic signals which afford the sea the  
Same facilities of language as the land."

"Skilled in the stars, in useful learning wise,  
He served the earth, by studying the skies.  
To know them well his best pursuits were given  
He studied first, and then he entered heaven."

180-1510

















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